

**Changes to the Abstract**

Please amend the Abstract of the specification as follows:

ABSTRACT

~~Methods and apparatus for securely configuring a machine in a pre-~~  
~~operating system environment are disclosed.~~—A In an example implementation  
described herein, a server determines if configuration updates are available to  
be transmitted to various clients that are enabled to receive configuration  
updates in a pre-operating system environment. The server broadcasts a  
message indicating the availability of a configuration update and requests an  
attestation from each of the responding clients. The attestation may be a  
conventional attestation if the client is a managed client or the attestation may  
be a pseudo-anonymous attestation if the client is an independent client. The  
server verifies the authenticity of the attestation by querying a Trusted Third  
Party and transmits the configuration update after the client's identity has been  
verified. The client receives the configuration update, applies the update, and  
then continues its booting process.